

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Fishhook

Fishhook is an unincorporated CDP located northwest of Palmer, north of Lakes and Farm Loop. Fishhook is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 3,230, a gain of about 1,200 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 61 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 19 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education than any other occupation.

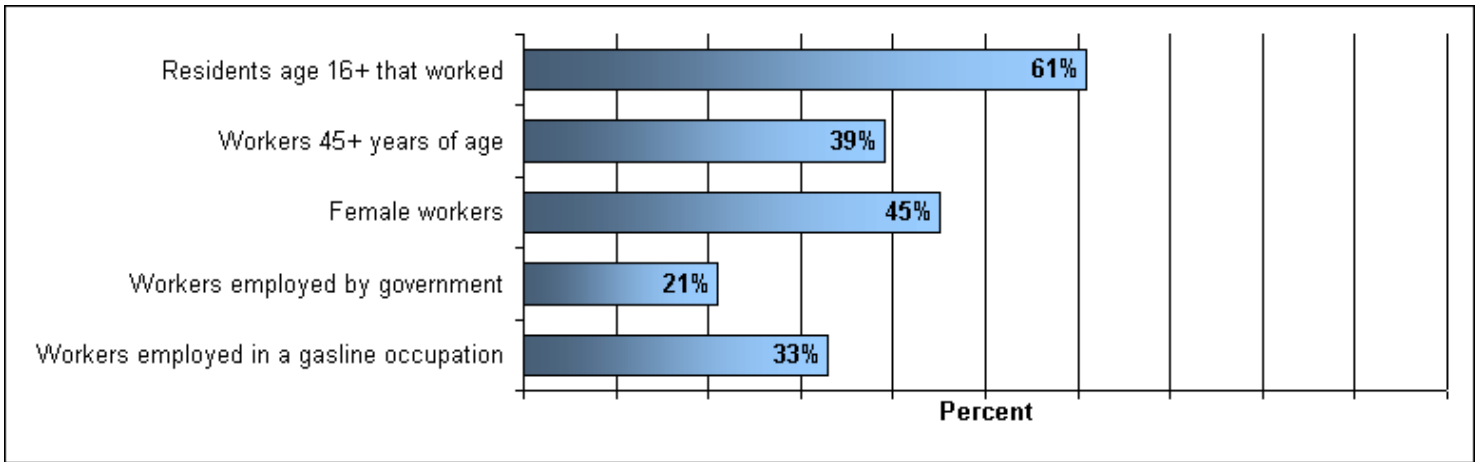
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Fishhook Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	2,279	Total wages	\$55,986,454
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	1,388	Private	1,104
Male	766	State government	104
Female	622	Local government	181
Age 45+	542	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	351	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	1,234
		Percent working all 4 quarters	70.2%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	173	Some construction	422
		At least 1 year construction	279
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	199
New hires	472	Worked in an AGIA occupation	920

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2008 Residents

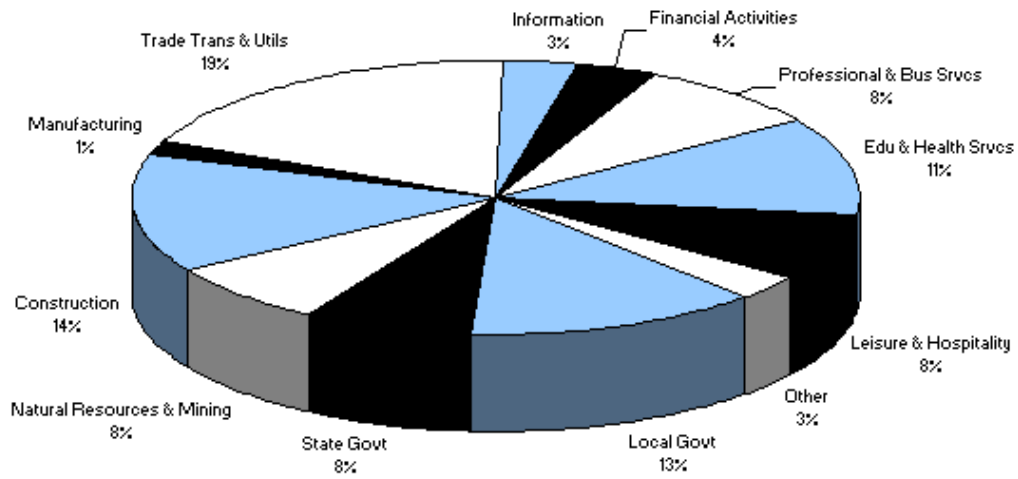


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	70	68.6%	23	17
Retail Salespersons	38	55.3%	14	12
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	30	6.7%	16	9
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	29	10.3%	6	4
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	29	3.4%	10	6
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	28	53.6%	0	0
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	25	84.0%	15	13
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	23	95.7%	11	8
Electricians AGIA HOT JOB	22	0.0%	5	3
Cashiers	22	68.2%	6	5
Office Clerks, General AGIA	21	76.2%	10	7
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	18	44.4%	4	4
Personal and Home Care Aides	18	100.0%	9	7
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	16	100.0%	5	3
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters AGIA HOT JOB	16	0.0%	7	4
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	16	0.0%	5	3
General and Operations Managers	16	31.2%	5	4
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	14	100.0%	5	3
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	14	7.1%	6	4
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	14	14.3%	11	8

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	104	8.7%	46	25
Construction	193	13.0%	63	36
Manufacturing	20	5.0%	6	5
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	260	41.9%	104	76
Information	46	54.3%	19	12
Financial Activities	51	56.9%	13	7
Professional and Business Services	115	43.5%	44	25
Educational and Health Services	156	82.7%	71	47
Leisure and Hospitality	111	58.6%	17	10
State Government	104	47.1%	59	43
Local Government	181	63.0%	86	57
Other	43	39.5%	13	8
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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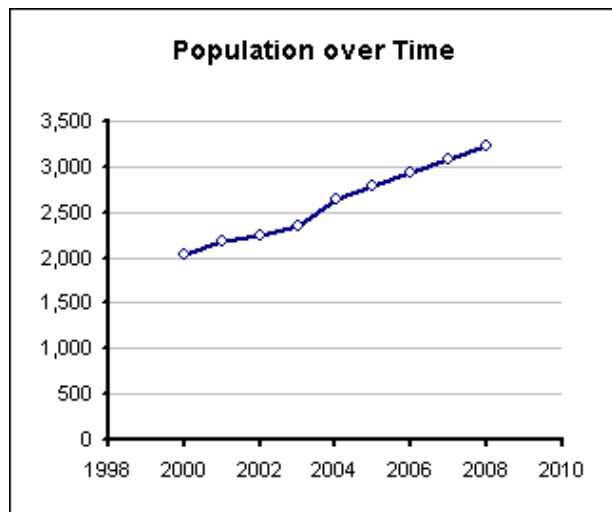
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	0	0	0	0

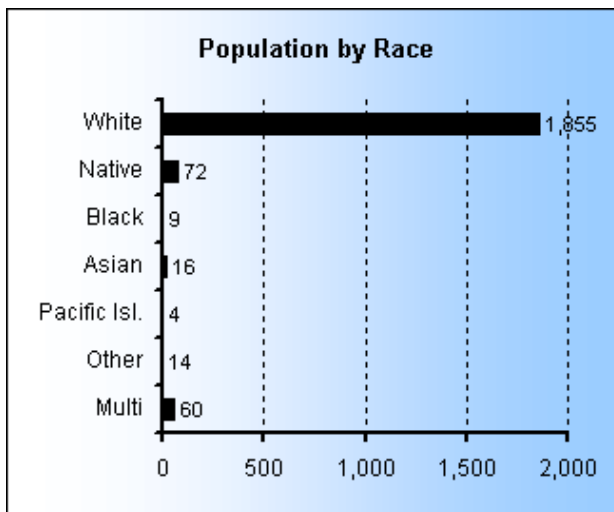
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Mat Su Borough Schools
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Matanuska Susitna Borough
Municipality of Anch Payroll
University of AK
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Safeway Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	33.2
Average Family Size	3.4
Average Household Size	3.0
Per Capita Income	\$20,042
Median Family Income	\$57,857
Median Household Income	\$55,179



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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